

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 24th, 2022

Present: Doug Langdon, Steve Graves, Jim Noble, Jessica Tennis, Sarah Bailey

Guests:

Selectboard Liaison: Not in attendance

Call to Order: 6:02 Jim Noble

Old Business:

Approval of past minutes: Doug motioned to approve the December 20 minutes. Steve seconded.

New Business:

Revolving Fund Overview:

Beginning Balance: \$532,803.12

Ending Balance: \$568,547.44

The Commission discussed the projections for the Revolving Fund. Jim asked how much would be left after the anticipated quarter 2 bill of 2022. The department will get an answer for the next meeting.

Jessica updated the Commission on the ASK program. The department gave families 2 week notice that the program will be shut down for the remainder of this school year. The parents received the information well and were very understanding. The department is analyzing other options for enrichment opportunities for the middle school age group. The Department has sent multiple emails to families explaining the situation over the past few months, so the shutdown wasn't a quick decision. If there are 2 weeks to get a site supervisor, the commission members were given the job description to pass along if they know of anyone.

There were 297 participants in December.

Jessica presented the Commission with the 2022 College Scholarship Application. Doug suggested increasing the award. Jim said that when the Scholarship was established that he wanted to see the College Scholarship at \$2,500. The Commission discussed the increase in costs of college. Doug motioned to expend \$5,000 for the 2022 scholarships. Steve seconded. Vote unanimous.

The plans for Summer Camp were presented to the Commission. The information has been advertised to the community with registrations being accepted starting February 8th. The staffing is still a potential issue so the commission was asked to send anyone who may be interested. The insurance company typically used for the inflatable waterslide no longer insures them. The only company that is available for inflatable coverage and they will not provide a quote earlier than 30 days prior to the start of coverage. The Commission discussed potential options and the added value to camp. Once the quote is available the department will decide if the cost is something the budget can withstand.

Before and after school care information will be more inline with the ECLC information night. There will be a \$5 increase and ASK will not be advertised unless staffing can be solidified. The programs will be

closing at 5:30 starting next year. The bridge in Portsmouth cleared a lot of traffic making it easier for parents to pick up earlier which leaves very little to no participants between 5:30-6:00pm. This will allow the Recreation staff to maximize their available hours to complete other tasks.

Jessica met with Solid Roots. She reminded the Commission that the original RFQs were advertised as two separate projects and the first priority was the fire separation and other two interior walls. The exterior wall with the window panels are a larger project than can fit into the approved budget for this project. Jessica explained to the Commission that the wall is a priority but wants to ensure the project done correctly and isn't just a temporary fix. Solid Roots suggested getting an energy audit to see what the potential savings on heating with a better insulated wall.

Jessica explained that the Recreation/ Library building because there is an issue with the septic system. The septic water backed up, flooding the bathrooms on Saturday. The water has been shut off while the septic company identifies the issue. They worked all day on it, and they have been unable to access the clog. The Department is hoping that by Wednesday there will be a clearer explanation of what the problem is.

Jessica presented a blueprint of the pavilion. The Rotary is looking for a 2022 install. Jessica explained that the Department is hoping for a September start time. There is a section that will be enclosed for storage. There has been discussion about naming it in honor of Jesse Sherrill.

The analytic for the fill has begun for the field has begun.

There are no updates on the structure.

Doug motioned to adjourn at 7:04. Steve seconded.